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**News Brief**

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Health and Family Welfare ministry has submitted its report on the “Transplantation of Human Organs Bill, 2017” before the House after scrutiny. Committee Chairman Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim submitted the report before the House held with Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury in the chair. Health Minister Mohammad Nasim placed the bill in the Parliament on September 13, 2017 with a provision of three years of rigorous imprisonment or Tk 10 lakh fine or both for violation of the law, aiming to check the illegal trade of human organs. The proposed bill said no hospital can conduct human organ transplantation in the country without government’s approval while the public hospitals having specialised units in this regard can do the job without taking prior approval.

Dhaka WASA has already formulated a sewerage master plan to keep water of the rivers surrounding the capital pollution free. State Minister Mashiur Rahman Ranga said this to the House yesterday. In addition to this, he said, the government has also taken a programme titled “Dhaka Sanitation Improvement Project”. Meanwhile, LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Engineer Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain has said, a realistic and well-planned project will be taken before the New Year 2018 to resolve the water-logging problem in the country's commercial capital, Chittagong. He said this as he was presiding over a meeting at his Secretariat office to review a project for resolving water-logging.

An action plan titled "National Road Safety Strategic Action Plan" has got approval with an aim of cutting down the road accident to 50 percent by 2020. The National Road Safety Council approved the action plan at its 25th meeting in Dhaka yesterday with Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader in the chair. The meeting decided to implement the excel load control policy from December 1 to control the overloaded vehicles playing on the roads and highways.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal has said, the River Police would be modernized to form a strong unit of the law enforcement agencies. He said this as he was addressing the fourth raising day of the River Police at Police Staff College Convention Centre in Dhaka yesterday. The Home Minister said, law and order situation along the river routes has improved significantly after inception of the River Police unit and they have contributed immensely to increase the overall Hilsha production.

In the midst of unprecedented crisis regarding Rohingyas faced by Bangladesh, Federica Mogherini, high representative of the European Union for foreign affairs will arrive in Dhaka on November 19 to join a number of other dignitaries from across the world, who will also visit the country during that period. While in Bangladesh, she will hold talks with Bangladeshi leadership in regards to the protracted Rohingya issue.

Brazilian Ambassador to Bangladesh Joao Tabajara de Oliveira Junior has described the persecution on Rohingya people in Myanmar as 'atrocities of the millennium'. He said this to a views-exchange meeting at the Daily Sun office. The Ambassador said, although the Rohingya displaced people are leading safe and better life in camps in Cox's Bazar of Bangladesh, situation may deteriorate for want of relief and other supplies. He also said, Brazil is shocked and concerned over Rohingya crisis and it would like to work with Bangladesh and other countries to resolve the crisis.

Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu leaves Dhaka for Nigeria today to join in 6th Ministerial Meeting on D-8 Industry Affairs in the Nigerian capital of Abuja. The three-day ministerial meeting will begin on November 14 aimed at increasing the bilateral and multilateral trade among the D-8 member countries. Mr. Amu will lead a four-member delegation in the meeting.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu has stressed the need for positive actions for the Dalit community to accept them socially and economically. The Minister said this at a dialogue on “Situation of the Dalit community in Bangladesh in the context of SDGs” in the CIRDAP auditorium in Dhaka yesterday. The Minister in his address laid emphasis on the role of media in the development of the Dalit community.

The government has declared February 5 as National Library Day. Cabinet Division issued a notification in this regard yesterday.

The Primary School Certificate (PSC) and Ebtedayee Examinations will start from November 19.

The key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, DSEX, advanced 0.65 per cent or 30.21 points to close at 6,223.78 points yesterday, closing near all time high of 6,240 points in September this year.

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